

H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
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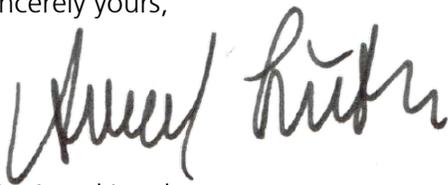
Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that *:response*, a leading consultancy for sustainability and corporate social responsibility (CSR), supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this communication, we express our intent to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We are committed to making the Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations. We particularly promote the Sustainable Development Goals that gather momentum in terms of overall development and which are an extension of the preceding UN Millennium Development Goals.

We support our clients from business, civil society, politics, and the public sector in their process of "great transformation" as well as their small steps towards sustainability. We bring sustainability into our clients' strategy, organization, and communication. By integrating the ten principles of the UN Global Compact in our own and our clients' businesses, we ensure that they become a mutually lived culture that has an impact both on the inside and outside of the company.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the ten principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within *one year* of joining the Global Compact, and *annually* thereafter according to the Global Compact COP policy. As part of the German Sustainability Code, we have already committed ourselves to report annually on our sustainability performance. Therefore, we will transfer our statement of compliance for the German Sustainability Code to the COP, as well as submit a statement signed by the CEO expressing continued support for the Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Arved Lueth  
CEO and owner, *:response*